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BUPERS INSTRUCTION 1236.5B

From: Chief of Naval Personnel
To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field
addressees not having Navy personnel attached)

Subj: LANDING CRAFT AIR CUSHION (LCAC) CREW SELECTION
PROCEDURES

Ref: (a) NAVPERS 15909G, Enlisted Transfer Manual, Chapter 9
(b) NAVPERS 18068F, Enlisted Manpower & Personnel
Classifications and Occupational Standards
(c) NAVMED P-117, Manual of the Medical Department
(MANMED), Chapter 15, Article 15-71A

Encl: (1) Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) Selection System
Points of Contact

1. Purpose. To prescribe procedures for application and selection in the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) program. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. BUPERSINST 1236.5A.

3. Background

a. General. LCAC is a non-self sustaining Air Cushioned Vehicle (ACV) which is launched from the welldeck of amphibious assault ships and is designed to operate over water and land. Its primary mission is to conduct high speed, ship-to-shore, over-the-beach operations in support of Marine amphibious forces. It is capable of carrying a 60-ton payload at 30 knots in a sea state of three. Launched from the welldeck of amphibious ships (LSDs, LHAs, LHDs and LPDs), LCAC can transport equipment, personnel, and weapons systems from over-the-horizon distances to the beach. In its secondary configuration as a Multi-mission Craft Air Cushioned (MCAC), it can support Personnel Transport Module (PTM) which is capable of transporting up to 180 troops. When configured for mine

countermeasures (MCM), it is capable of conducting mine hunting/sweeping and lane breaching. Crafts are assigned to Assault Craft Unit (ACU) FOUR at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, VA; Assault Craft Unit (ACU) FIVE at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA; and Assault Craft Unit (ACU) FIVE Detachment Sasebo, JA. Each craft is manned by a crew of five, two of whom (Craftmaster and Engineer) control the craft; of the remaining three, one navigates the craft, one is a Deck Engineer, and one is a Loadmaster. Chief of Naval Operations, Director, Surface Warfare Division (N76) is the resource sponsor for LCAC.

b. Specific. Reference (a) contains detailed selection criteria for LCAC Craftmaster (NEC BM-0167), Engineer/Assistant Operator (NEC GS-4131) and Radar Operator/Navigator (NEC OS-0304).

4. Action

a. For Craftmaster, Engineer and Navigator. Following four-step procedure implements references (a) and (b) and will be used to select personnel for LCAC Craftmaster, Engineer, and Navigator training (Class I Medical Examination required).

(1) Step 1 - Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM). In conjunction with normal detailing process, servicemembers who appear to meet requirements per references (a) and (b) will be nominated to NAVPERSCOM, Sea Special Programs (PERS-409). NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) will direct member's command to perform local medical and service record screening per references (a) and (b), and report results to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) and Type Commander's (TYCOM) representative. LCAC ACU reporting to the same Fleet Commander as member's command will be designated TYCOM representative. ACU FOUR for Atlantic Fleet (LANTFLT) or ACU FIVE for Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) will be designated on the screening message. Special assignments will be handled as follows:

(a) Those in Pacific Area of Command (PACOM) area of responsibility use ACU FIVE.

(b) Those in Atlantic Area of Command (LANTCOM) or European Area of Command (EUCOM) use ACU FOUR.

(c) Those West of Mississippi River use ACU FIVE.

(d) Those East of Mississippi River use ACU FOUR.

(2) Step 2 - TYCOMS. Upon receiving a favorable local screening report, the designated TYCOM representative will provide accounting data and coordinate member's TAD travel, physical examination, and psychomotor testing at Naval Operational Medicine Institute Detachment, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAVOPMEDINST DET NAVAEROMEDINST), Pensacola, FL.

(3) Step 3 - Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). NAVOPMEDINST DET NAVAEROMEDINST shall conduct prescribed modified aviation-type physical examination and psychomotor test per reference (c) and inform NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) of results, i.e., SAT; SAT Waiver recommended (exceptional condition noted); or UNSAT.

(4) Step 4 - NAVPERSCOM. Upon receipt of favorable NAVOPMEDINST DET NAVAEROMEDINST test results, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) will schedule member for LCAC training. Medical screening waiver requests should be forwarded to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409), via NAVOPMEDINST DET NAVAEROMEDINST. Upon receipt of notice of a screening failure for which a waiver is not granted, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) will return member's nomination to applicable rating detailer for further assignment.

b. For Deck Engineer and Loadmaster. Following two-step procedure implements references (a) and (b) and will be used to select personnel for LCAC selection for duty as LCAC Deck Engineer or Loadmaster.

(1) Step 1 - NAVPERSCOM. In conjunction with normal detailing process, servicemembers who appear to meet requirements per references (a) and (b), will be nominated to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409). NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) will direct member's command to perform local medical and service record screening per references (a) and (b), and report results to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) and TYCOM representative.

(2) Step 2 - NAVPERSCOM. Upon receipt of favorable medical and service record screening, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) will schedule member for LCAC training. Upon receipt of notice of a screening failure for which a waiver is not granted, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409) will return member's nomination to applicable rating detailer for further assignment.

5. Points of Contact. LCAC Selection System points of contact are listed in enclosure (1).

6. Report. The reporting requirements contained herein are exempt from reports control per SECNAVINST 5214.2B.

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SELECTION SYSTEM POINTS OF CONTACT**

Naval Sea Systems Command NAVSEA (PMS 377)	(COM) (703) 602-8511/DSN 332 (FAX) 0028
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations OPNAV (N76)	(COM) (703) 697-1462/DSN 227 (FAX) 3808
NAMI DET NOMI (Code 326)	(COM) (850) 452-2257/DSN 922 (FAX) 653-1291
Navy Personnel Command NAVPERSCOM (PERS-409CD4)	(COM) (901) 874-3845/DSN 882 (FAX) 2649
Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, CA COMNAVSURFPAC CO, ACU FIVE	(COM) (760) 725-2337/DSN 365 (FAX) 2710
Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA COMNAVSURFLANT CO, ACU FOUR	(COM) (804) 462-7035/DSN 253 (FAX) 7005
Naval Operational Medicine Institute Detachment, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, FL NAVOPMEDINST DET NAVAEROMEDINST LCAC LIAISON OFFICER	(COM) (904) 452-2257/DSN 922 (FAX) 922-1077

Enclosure (1)